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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

VINCENT MUSCARELLA, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 12, 2015  
2:20 P.M

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

LOWELL WOLF, Nassau County,  
Department of Public Works,  
Transit Division.....5

## Public Works and Parks Committee/1-12-15

2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Public  
3 Works and Parks Committee is hereby called  
4 to order. I will call the roll. Vincent  
5 Muscarella is here. Laura Schaefer?

6 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Francis  
8 Becker?

9 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Donald  
11 MacKenzie?

12 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ranking  
14 Member Dave Denenberg?

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Laura  
17 Curran?

18 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

19 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And Carrie  
20 Solages?

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

22 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We have a  
23 quorum. We have one item on today, it's  
24 Clerk Item 11-15, an ordinance supplemental  
25 to the annual appropriation ordinance in

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2 connection with the Department of Public  
3 Works. Motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by  
7 Ms. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Becker. Do we  
8 have someone here from the administration?

9 MR. WOLF: Good afternoon.  
10 Lowell Wolf from the Department of Public  
11 Works, Transit Division.

12 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Can you  
13 just give us a brief synopsis of what this  
14 is?

15 MR. WOLF: Sure. The Bus Transit  
16 Committee to the NICE Bus Service, Nassau  
17 Intercounty Express has requested and  
18 appropriated \$1,538,779. This money would  
19 be utilized to enhance the existing budget  
20 for 2014. These are extra funds that were  
21 collected as a result of additional money  
22 available through the State Transportation  
23 Operating Authority as well as a slight  
24 increase in the fare in the fare box  
25 calculations. There is no impact at all on

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2 funding from the county.

3 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do we have  
4 any questions? Mr. Denenberg.

5 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So, this  
6 1.5 is money that was on top of what was  
7 budgeted to come from the state and to come  
8 from fares?

9 MR. WOLF: That's correct.

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So it's  
11 surplus, if you will, of 1.5?

12 MR. WOLF: It would be an  
13 enhancement to the existing operating fund.  
14 Additional from what was budgeted.

15 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So, by  
16 making this supplemental ordinance, we are  
17 making this money available to what, for  
18 what?

19 MR. WOLF: To maintain the  
20 existing bus service.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So, how  
22 does it affect the '15 budget then?

23 MR. WOLF: It doesn't. This is  
24 all funds from '14 for '14.

25 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So,

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2 without these funds, we would have had a  
3 deficit in our contract with NICE?

4 MR. WOLF: Yes, there would have  
5 been a gap in the operating budget, yes.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: If NICE is  
7 being operated as a private bus company, how  
8 would that gap in operating budget be the  
9 county's gap when it's a NICE bus service  
10 and they're private?

11 MR. WOLF: It would ultimately be  
12 their gap, however, since the funding is  
13 transferred, funneled through the county, we  
14 are responsible for oversight and  
15 maintenance of any funding, grant money, et  
16 cetera, that is used for their operations.

17 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: So the  
18 money has to be given to NICE in any event?

19 MR. WOLF: Exactly.

20 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: It's a flow  
21 through from the county?

22 MR. WOLF: Exactly.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other  
25 questions?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Hearing none, all those in favor  
4 of moving this item signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item carries. There is no  
9 further business.

10 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by  
13 Mr. Becker, seconded by Ms. Schaefer.

14 All those in favor of adjourning  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 We are adjourned. Thank you.  
18 Next up is the Health Committee.

19 (Whereupon, the Public Works and  
20 Parks Committee adjourned at 2:34 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for the State of New  
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place  
above mentioned and took stenographic record  
of the proceedings in the above-entitled  
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true  
and accurate transcript of the same and the  
whole thereof, according to the best of my  
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 26th day of January, 2015.

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FRANK GRAY